

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE 1849 C Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

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The Honorable Jim McDermott United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. McDermott:

Thank you for your letter of May 9, 2012, to National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis, requesting that the National Park Service (NPS) conduct a reconnaissance survey of the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience located in Seattle, Washington. I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Director.

I am pleased to inform you that the NPS will conduct the requested reconnaissance survey. The survey will determine if the Wing Luke Museum merits further consideration as an affiliated area of the National Park System through a congressionally authorized Special Resource Study. A summary report on the survey findings will be prepared. Reconnaissance surveys are funded in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Given the timing of the request and staff workload commitments for the remainder of this fiscal year (FY), we expect that the survey project will be initiated in FY 2013.

The Pacific West Region will provide the overall direction of the study team assigned to this project. Please contact Ms. Martha Crusius, Chief of Park Planning and Environmental Compliance, Pacific West Region, should you have questions regarding the reconnaissance survey process. Ms. Crusius can be reached at 415/623-2310.

An identical letter is being sent to the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye; the Honorable Patty Murray; the Honorable Maria Cantwell; the Honorable Norm Dicks; the Honorable Adam Smith; the Honorable Michael M. Honda; the Honorable Rick Larsen; the Honorable Judy Chu.

Sincerely,

Victor W. Knox

Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands

cc: Regional Director, Pacific West Region